

BBHHS Robotics Boosters

Meeting Minutes



26 January 2023 / 6:00 PM / High School Room 027

Attendees

Scott McCreery, Jackie Caputo, Paul Koch, Rachel Jones, Craig Kowatch, Suzana Koch, Beth Marsh, Brian Zukauckas, Melissa Bommarito, Susan Flis, Amy Pausche, Jack Molina, Ed Smith, John Sutton

Meeting began at 6:07

President

1. Nominating Committee Needed in order to build slate for 2023-2024 school year.

1 Board member and 2 additional members are needed to form the committee. Jackie Caputo and Sue Flis have volunteered and Pete Jones (not present) is volunteered by Rachel Jones.
2. Vex IQ Tournament being hosted Saturday 1/28. Student volunteers should plan to arrive about 8:00am and stay to clean up after the tournament. Sign Up Genius for donations and volunteers have been sent out and a good response is noted.

Expecting approximately 300 students. Creekside pizza has been ordered and will cost approximately \$600-700.

Vice President - no report

Treasurer

1. Update of budget provided.

Amazon Smile program will be discontinued, \$84.07 was received most recently.

Spirit wear brought in \$605 for 2022.

Chipotle night \$318

December Raffle \$14,230 profit.

Student Club fees were budgeted with 55 students. There have been some students who have decided not to continue with Robotics so there are less available funds, now at 49.

\$18,560 has been received to date.

Members with outstanding fees will receive an invoice as stated in the contract with families.

Kalahari tournament came in a little under budget, so the additional hotel expenses for States will be covered within the budget.

Looking ahead to Worlds - tax exempt status with the state of Texas has been applied for in addition to the hotel tax exemption.

Varsity letters have been ordered.

Secretary - no report

Advisors

Mr. Kowatch -

1. State Tournament has been changed to March 3rd and 4th to be held at Marion County Fairgrounds rather than in Akron as planned due to lack of fundraising by REC. Hotel rooms have been booked for the team.
2. A change in funding of the District this year means that the team is responsible for more in transportation costs and will not have the funds available to cover Worlds team entry fees.
3. Request made by RECF for BBH to consider hosting an additional home tournament open to teams not yet qualified for States. This will allow the number of teams at the State Tournament to be closer to the intended capacity. This tournament would be held the weekend of February 18-20, the week after our already scheduled home tournament. Estimated profit to be \$6,000.

New Business

1. Beth Marsh - Vex IQ Program currently in the BBH Elementary School STEM lab. Future 4th and 5th grade teams under consideration. This weekend's IQ tournament may serve as a showcase for those interested in the program.

With this in mind, in the future, 6th graders may be allowed to join the VRC Middle School team in a limited capacity more as a learning experience and be allowed to compete at home tournaments.

2. Susan Flis with a motion to vote on hosting an additional tournament for teams not already qualified for States. To take place on the weekend of February 18-20. Terms agreed upon through discussion among members present. Second by Rachel Jones.

-Minimum of 36 teams attending required to host the tournament.

-No team lunches to be provided.

-Blended High School and Middle School tournament.

-Fields and equipment to remain in place on stage in the auditorium after the home tournament taking place on February 10th and 11th, as safety allows.

Suzana Koch and Scott McCreery noted to abstain from vote. Remainder in favor of hosting event.

*Volunteer and Donation Sign Up Genius for both tournaments will go out as one to cover tournament weekends of 10-11 and 18-20 to allow for easier management of coverage.

3. Beth Marsh asked for an update regarding the International Robotics Honor Society. Mr. Kowatch reports that members were inducted last school year as planned. This year, students have not yet been willing to organize as student leaders as required by the IRHS organization. Parents voiced concern of students losing the opportunity of participating in IRHS and of availability and access of information regarding IRHS. Mr. Kowatch assures those present that the students have had access to the information and several students were encouraged to be student leaders for the Honor Society. Parents will be encouraging their students to take initiative in following through with necessary steps to maintain the IRHS chapter this year.

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Code for Google Classroom for 2022-2023 - Includes schedule which is fluid due to availability of tournaments and all team documents including tournament itineraries. len7kn6

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